

# ***Congress of the United States***

## ***House of Representatives***

**CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**  
8TH DISTRICT, MARYLAND

### **APPLICATION FOR A NOMINATION TO A UNITED STATES UNIFORMED SERVICE ACADEMY**

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

April 1, 2006	SAT Testing Date Rep. Van Hollen's Code: <b>5985</b>
April 8, 2006	ACT Testing Date Rep. Van Hollen's Code: <b>7450</b>
May 1, 2006	<b>Service Academy Information Forum</b> (Please call my Rockville office for details)
May 6, 2006	SAT Testing Date Rep. Van Hollen's Code: <b>5985</b>
June 3, 2006	SAT Testing Date Rep. Van Hollen's Code: <b>5985</b>
June 10, 2006	ACT Testing Date Rep. Van Hollen's Code: <b>7450</b>
October 20, 2006	<b>Deadline for receipt of completed application by Rep. Van Hollen's Rockville office</b>
November 18, 2006	<b>Qualified applicants will meet with Rep. Van Hollen's Service Academy Review Board for a personal interview</b>
December 2006	Nominations will be announced
Spring 2007	Academies announce appointments
June/July 2007	Classes begin

# APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

## 1. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

To apply for a nomination to the Air Force, Military and Naval Academies, you must meet the following minimum requirements:

- You must be a citizen of the United States
- You must reside in the Eighth Congressional District of Maryland
- You must not be married, pregnant, or have any dependents
- **You must be at least 17 years of age but not older than 23 years of age on July 1, 2007**

To apply for a nomination to the Merchant Marine Academy, you must meet the following minimum requirements:

- You must be a citizen of the United States
- You must reside in Maryland
- **You must be at least 17 years of age but not older than 25 years of age on July 1, 2007**

## 2. THE APPLICATION PROCESS

To be considered for a nomination to a United States Service Academy, the attached application and supporting materials must be **received** in Rep. Van Hollen's Rockville office by **Friday, October 20, 2006**. Because of the extremely strong competition for nominations, you are encouraged to apply for nominations from other sources, including President Bush, Vice President Cheney, Senator Sarbanes, and Senator Mikulski.

**Standardized Testing.** Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) and American College Testing (ACT) scores will be considered in the selection of academy nominees.

The SAT will be administered on April 1, May 6, and June 3, 2006. You should request that your SAT scores be sent directly to Rep. Van Hollen's office. The office code number is **5985**.

The ACT will be administered on April 8 and June 10, 2006. You should request that your ACT scores be sent directly to Rep. Van Hollen's office. The office code number is **7450**.

The results of the fall SAT and ACT may arrive too late for evaluation, so those test dates are only recommended to improve your earlier scores from the spring tests.

**Transcripts.** An official high school transcript must be forwarded to Rep. Van Hollen's office from the Guidance Office of your high school. The transcript must list your senior year courses and, if available, your mid-term grades. You should also provide a transcript of any college work that you have already completed.

**Letters of Recommendation.** Three letters of recommendation are required, including one from a science or math teacher. Other letters of recommendation may come from teachers, guidance counselors, coaches, and employers. Letters from immediate family members will not be accepted.

Please be sure to confirm that all recommendation letters that you have requested have been sent in time to arrive by the October 20, 2006 deadline.

**Service Academy Review Board Interviews.** Each qualified applicant will be interviewed by Rep. Van Hollen's Service Academy Review Board. The Service Academy Review Board will conduct interviews on **Saturday, November 18, 2006**. Qualified applicants who complete their application by the **October 20, 2006** deadline will be notified by mail of their interview status.

Please do not wait until the deadline to submit your application and the accompanying materials. Please send your application to Rep. Van Hollen's office when it is complete and includes the following items:

1. Checklist
2. Basic Fact Sheet, including a **2" x 2"** photo of yourself
3. Background Information
4. Handwritten essay, and a typed copy
5. Notarized Affidavit of Residency

The following items should be sent **directly** to Rep. Van Hollen's office by **October 20, 2006**:

1. Three letters of recommendation  
(One letter must be from a science or math teacher)
2. Your highest SAT and/or ACT scores
3. Your high school/college transcripts

The completed application should be mailed or delivered to:

**Congressman Chris Van Hollen**  
**51 Monroe Street**  
**Suite 507**  
**Rockville, MD 20850**

### **3. SELECTION OF NOMINEES**

The final decisions on appointments and admission are made by the individual service academies. In addition to seeking a nomination from Rep. Van Hollen, you must contact the Admissions Office at each academy directly to open an admissions file. All applicants who fully complete Rep. Van Hollen's application requirements will be interviewed by his Service Academy Review Board. Following the interviews, the Review Board will propose slates of candidates for nominations to each of the service academies.

## 4. STATISTICS

Last year Rep. Van Hollen's Service Academy Review Board interviewed 24 students:

- 13 of these students listed the US Naval Academy as their first choice.
- 4 listed the US Air Force Academy as their first choice.
- 4 listed the US Military Academy as their first choice.
- 3 listed the US Merchant Marine Academy as their first choice.

It is to your advantage to apply to more than one academy. Rep. Van Hollen urges you to research the opportunities afforded by each of the academies to serve the United States as a career officer in the Armed Forces or in the Merchant Marine.

### **US Air Force Academy**

#### **Admissions**

HQ USAFA/RRS  
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200  
USAF Academy, CO 80840-9901  
(800) 443-9266  
[www.usafa.edu](http://www.usafa.edu)

### **US Merchant Marine Academy**

#### **Admissions**

300 Steamboat Road  
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699  
(800) 732-6267  
[www.usmma.edu](http://www.usmma.edu)

### **US Military Academy**

#### **Admissions**

Building 606  
West Point, NY 10996-9902  
(845) 938-4041  
[www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu)

### **US Naval Academy**

#### **Admissions**

117 Decatur Road  
Annapolis, MD 21402-9977  
(410) 293-4361  
[www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu)

Admission to the United States Coast Guard Academy does not require a nomination. To obtain an application, please contact:

### **US Coast Guard Academy**

#### **Admissions**

31 Mohegan Avenue  
New London, CT 06320-8103  
(800) 883-8724  
[www.cga.edu](http://www.cga.edu)

## 5. QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about the nomination process or the required materials, please call Char Rosnick or Peter Kucik in Rep. Van Hollen's Rockville office at (301) 424-3501. You may also email Char Rosnick at [char.rosnick@mail.house.gov](mailto:char.rosnick@mail.house.gov) or Peter Kucik at [peter.kucik@mail.house.gov](mailto:peter.kucik@mail.house.gov).

## APPLICANT CHECKLIST

Complete this form, sign, date, and return it to the Rockville office with your completed application for a nomination. Check with your sources for recommendations to confirm that they have mailed them. The office address is 51 Monroe Street, Suite 507, Rockville, MD 20850. The telephone number is (301) 424-3501. This form and all related documents must be received by **Friday, October 20, 2006**.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Number City State Zip

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ALT. PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

1. I mailed my completed application on: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

2. The three letters of recommendation were mailed by the following people on the dates indicated:

a. \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Date

b. \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Date

c. \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Date

3. My high school transcript was mailed by my school or guidance counselor on:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

4. My SAT scores have been mailed to code 5985.

Last SAT test taken on: \_\_\_\_\_

My ACT scores have been mailed to code 7450:

Last ACT test taken on: \_\_\_\_\_

Future ACT/SAT tests I anticipate taking: \_\_\_\_\_

5. The Affidavit of Residence was mailed by my parent/guardian:

\_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Date

6. I have had an eye examination recently, and my vision is correct/correctable in accordance with the requirements of the academy/ies in which I am interested.

7. I have initiated my file at each academy for which I am requesting a nomination.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT BASIC FACT SHEET**  
PLEASE TYPE YOUR ANSWERS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

PERMANENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Number

City State Zip

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ SOC. SEC. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FATHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S CURRENT ADDRESS (If different from permanent address) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Number City State Zip

HEIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_ WEIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_ VISION: \_\_\_\_\_ UNCORRECTED VISION: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU CURRENTLY ATTENDING COLLEGE OR ACADEMY PREP SCHOOL? \_\_\_\_\_ IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE SCHOOL NAME AND ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATES OF ATTENDANCE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE IDENTIFY ANY OTHER SOURCES YOU PLAN TO CONTACT FOR A NOMINATION:

\_\_\_\_\_ Presidential \_\_\_\_\_ Vice Presidential \_\_\_\_\_ Senatorial \_\_\_\_\_ Other

IF YOU ARE ALREADY IN THE ARMED FORCES, IDENTIFY BRANCH OF SERVICE, RANK AND ENTRY DATE:

\_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMY PREFERENCE (PLEASE INDICATE YOUR 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th CHOICES.)**

\_\_\_\_\_ US Air Force Academy  
\_\_\_\_\_ US Military Academy

\_\_\_\_\_ US Merchant Marine Academy  
\_\_\_\_\_ US Naval Academy

INDICATING YOUR PREFERENCES WILL NOT IN ANY WAY AFFECT REP. VAN HOLLEN'S CONSIDERATION OF YOUR FIRST CHOICE. IT WILL, HOWEVER, INCREASE YOUR POTENTIAL FOR RECEIVING A NOMINATION.

PLEASE  
ATTACH  
2" x 2"  
PHOTO

Please type your answers **in the space provided.**

1. What is the most significant contribution that you have made to your school, congregation, or community?
2. What are your greatest strengths and weaknesses?
3. What do you consider your most outstanding achievement and why?

4. What experiences in your life have prepared you for the rigors and demands of life at an academy?
5. Please describe any work or volunteer experience you have had.
6. Please list the sports and team activities in which you have participated. Include any leadership positions you have held and any honors you have received.



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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Please list the community and extracurricular activities in which you have been involved.

8. Please list the academic areas that are of greatest interest to you.

9. Please list academic or community honors, prizes or awards you have received in the order of their importance to you.

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10. Omitting text books, please list any books you have read in the last year. Which have you most enjoyed and why?

11. Please describe any interesting travel experiences you have had.

12. Have you been arrested, convicted, or fined for any violation or law (other than minor traffic violations)? Have you ever been suspended or expelled from school? If so, please explain.

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13. Do you intend to make military service your career? If you are appointed to an academy, what specialty areas would you wish to pursue (e.g., infantry, medical, engineering, aeronautics)?

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT ESSAY**

Please write an essay of 250-500 words, in your own handwriting, on this page, explaining why you would like to attend a United States Service Academy. This essay should not be a biographical sketch. **Please attach a typed copy of your essay.**

## AFFIDAVIT OF RESIDENCE

This form is to be completed by the parent or legal guardian of the individual seeking a nomination to a United States Service Academy. If you are not a minor, the form may be completed by you.

This statement establishes that the applicant and his/her parent or guardian is a resident of the State of Maryland. An individual is a resident of Maryland if the individual is domiciled in Maryland on the last day of the taxable year or the individual maintains a place of abode in Maryland for more than six months of the taxable year and is physically present in the State for more than 183 days during the taxable year.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being of lawful age (18) and a resident of,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(city and county)

**Maryland**, do under oath and penalties of perjury, depose and say that:

1. I am the parent entitled to the custody of, or the legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor, or am the applicant who has reached the age of majority, who has applied to Representative Chris Van Hollen for consideration as a nominee to a United States Service Academy; that the applicant is my son/daughter and is my legal ward who lives with me; and that our/my domicile is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(address, including city or town and state)

2. In evidence thereof, I depose and say that:

I am registered as a voter in \_\_\_\_\_  
(city, county, and state)

and/or

I file income tax returns and pay state income taxes to the State of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public